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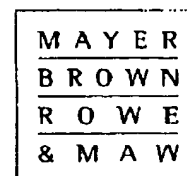
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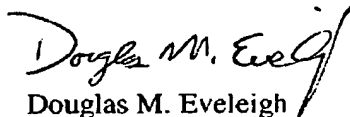
Dear Examiner Salvatore:

Per your request, we are providing a summary of the topics for the telephonic interview scheduled for March 28, 2005 at 3:00 (prevailing eastern time) for the above-identified application.

We would like to discuss the final office action dated November 17, 2004, and in particular the double patenting rejections (both statutory and non-statutory) of claims 53 and 65. With respect to these rejections, we believe that the claim element of having a substrate "directly bonded" to the decorative laminate top layer assembly (claim 53) or having a water resistant substrate "directly bonded" to the core layer (claim 65) obviates the double-patenting rejections of claims 53 and 65 (and those depending there from). The Examiner's attention is directed to the discussion in paragraph [0047] of the disclosure and the definition of "directly bonded" found in paragraph [0051] of the disclosure. With respect to the non-statutory double patenting rejections of claims 84 and 96 (and those depending therefrom) the applicants wish to speak with the Examiner regarding the possibility of filing a terminal disclaimer to place these claims in condition for allowance.

Please contact me at (312) 701-8738 if you have any questions regarding the above. I look forward to discussing this case with you on March 28.

Sincerely,


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